



## WINTER WEATHER SAFE DRIVING TIPS

The leading cause of death during winter storms is transportation accidents. Preparing your vehicle for the winter season and knowing how to react if stranded or lost on the road are the keys to safe winter driving.

**Check the following items on your car.**

Antifreeze	Battery
Brakes	Defroster
Exhaust system	Flashing hazard lights
Heater	Ignition system
Lights	Oil level
Thermostat	Wipers and windshield washer fluid

- ❖ Install good winter tires. Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs. This is true of state highway systems as well.  
Keep a windshield scraper and small broom for ice and snow removal.
- ❖ Maintain at least a half tank of gas at all times.
- ❖ Listen to your weather radio, AM/FM radio or TV for the latest road conditions. Always try to travel during daylight and, if possible, take at least one other person with you.
- ❖ Dress warmly. Wear layers of loose-fitting, layered, lightweight clothing.
- ❖ Carry food and water. Store a supply of high-energy "munchies" and several bottles of water.

## Winter Car Kit

Keep these items in your car:

Flashlights with extra batteries

Necessary medications

Sleeping bags

Extra newspapers for insulation

Matches

Rain gear and extra clothes

Jumper cables

Cards, games, and puzzles

Canned fruit and nuts

Non-electric can opener

Small tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver)

Small sack of sand for generating traction under wheels

First aid kit with pocket knife

Several blankets

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Plastic bags (for sanitation)

Extra set of mittens, socks, and a wool cap

Small shovel

Set of tire chains or traction mats

Brightly colored cloth to use as a flag

Cans of broth or soup

Bottled water

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